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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PGOV, SE, XO

SUBJ: CHINESE REACTION TO SEYCHELLES COUP

1. THE SEYCHELLES COUP HAS GENERATED DETAILED COVERAGE IN THE LOCAL PRO-PRC PRESS WITH COMMENTARIES HIGHLIGHTING FORMER PRESIDENT MANCHAM'S CHARGES OF SOVIET INVOLVEMENT. CHINESE CONCERN OVER SOVIET ADVANCES IN THE AREA IS EVIDENT IN A "TA KUNG PAO" COMMENTARY WHICH NOTES THE "SUPERPOWER CONTENTION" IN THE INDIAN OCEAN AND THE MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF THE SEYCHELLES AND COMOROS ISLANDS ASTRIDE THE OIL SHIPPING LANES. THE COMMENTARY ADDS THAT THE SOVIETS HAVE OPPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE AND WARNS OF POSSIBLE SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO "MEDDLE" IN THE JULY SRI LANKAN ELECTIONS, SINCE LIKE MANCHAM, PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE HAS

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ALSO CALLED FOR A ZONE OF PEACE.

2. COMMENT: PRC OFFICIALS IN HONG KONG REPEATEDLY HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN TO US OVER SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND THE SEYCHELLES COUP UNDOUBTEDLY WILL HEIGHTEN THAT CONCERN. IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S ASSESSMENT OF THE

DEGREE OF SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN THE COUP.  
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